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Attack of the Clone

Stefan Sabol is striking back, not striking out

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

Cyclones left fielder Stefan Sabol is on a tear — but he wouldn't even know it if his father hadn't tipped him off.

The first-year phenom from California's Orange Coast College went on an 11-game hitting streak from June 25 through July 5 — but he didn't realize it until he heard from dear old dad.

"I was aware I was seeing the ball well, making good contact," said the California native, who started his string of successful at bats with a single in the team's shut out victory over the Hudson Valley Renegades. "It wasn't till I was talking to my dad and he just said, 'You've got a seven game hitting streak going on,' that I realized it."

But Sabol — who sent a

fastball over the left-center field wall on July 4 against the Crosscutters for his first minor league home run — said he made sure not to let his success at the plate go to his head.

"It's in the back of my mind, I'm sure," Sabol said before last Friday's game, when his streak came to an end. "But if I get a sac fly or a key walk that gets in a run, I'll be happy with that."

Sabol didn't get a hit that night, but he ended up reaching base on a throwing error and crossing the plate on a wild pitch — helping lift the Clones to a 7–6 victory in the rubber match against the Crosscutters.

Sabol said he never picked up hits in more than four straight games while playing ball in school and wasn't



Photo by Steve Salomone

Cyclones left fielder Stefan Sabol went on an 11-game hitting streak from June 25 through July 5 — and he didn't even know he was on fire until his dad told him.

eying the all-time Mini-Mets record: 17 in a row, set by left fielder Lucas Duda — now a full-grown Met — in 2007.

"I'm just trying to have good at bats, find the holes, and help the team win."

Record-breaking will have to wait for now, but Cyclones skipper Rich Donnelly said he definitely hasn't been putting the pressure on

his left fielder.

"The only thing I've said to Stefan since he's been here is 'Hello' and 'Good game,'" said Donnelly. "When a guy's doing his work well, you don't need to say much to him."

The 19-year-old is batting .308 in the last 10 games with a .413 on-base percentage, is trailing only first baseman Cole Frenzel on the team in hits.

Facing trouble at home

Williamsport Crosscutters 5
Cyclones 4
July 5 at MCU Park

A controversial call at the plate in the seventh let the Crosscutters score the crucial run that snapped the Cyclones' six-game winning streak.

Williamsport took the lead on a three-run homer in the fourth and held onto it the rest of the game. The Clones attempted a rally in the sixth with an RBI double from first baseman Cole Frenzel and a broken-bat single from left fielder Stefan Sabol, who extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

But with a runner on second in the top of the seventh, the Crosscutters hit one up the middle to Clones center fielder Brandon Nimmo. The top Mets prospect hurled the ball to Clones catcher Jeffrey Glenn — but it wasn't in time, according to umpire Matt Moore, who declared the Williamsport runner safe over the loud protests of nearly everybody in the stands. After the stretch, Cyclones second baseman Juan Carlos Gamboa hit a solo homer — his first of the year — but it wasn't enough.

Cyclones 7
Crosscutters 6
July 6 at MCU Park

The Cyclones grabbed an extra-innings victory against the Williamsport Crosscutters on a walk in a game punctuated with wild pitches.

After a sloppy night of play, the Crosscutters gave up a single to designated

The Ride



hitter Kevin Plawecki in the 11th. That was followed by a wild pitch, a walk, another wild pitch, and two straight walks — one that drove home the game-winning run.

Left fielder Stefan Sabol's hit streak came to an end, even though he reached base on an error and scored.

Jamestown Jammers 6
Cyclones 3
July 7 at MCU Park

The Jammers dealt Cyclones ace Luis Mateo his first loss of the season, taking the lead in the first and refusing to relinquish it.

Mateo gave up three runs in the first and plunked a batter. The Clones scored a run in the bottom half of the frame, but the Jammers added to their lead in the top of the third on an RBI single. The Mini-Mets scored in the fourth and rallied in the bottom of the eighth, coming within one run of the Jammers after an RBI double off the bat of Brandon Nimmo. But closer Dawrin Frias gave up back-to-back hits to Gomez and an RBI single and catcher Kevin Plawecki threw the ball away, bringin in another run and giving Jamestown the win.

Jamestown Jammers 5
Cyclones 2
July 8 at MCU Park

The Cyclones fell to the Jammers for the second game in a row despite a strong showing by first baseman Jayce Boyd.

Jamestown took the lead in the third on a solo homer. An RBI single by Boyd — who went two-for-three on the night — evened the score in the bottom of the fifth, but the Jammers came back with another run in the sixth thanks — and three more in the seventh. Clones shortstop Philip Evans managed to cross the plate in the ninth, but it was too little too late.

Jamestown Jammers 5
Cyclones 2
July 9 at MCU Park

The Cyclones bullpen fell apart after a strong start by Hansel Robles, as the Jamestown Jammers swept the pride of Coney Island in a three-game series at MCU Park.

Ahead 2–1 going into the eighth, Clones reliever Matthew Bowman plunked a Jammers batter. The Jamestown runner stole second and scored an RBI single. After Bowman gave up another hit to third baseman Pedro Mendoza, Donnelly called in hurler John Mincone — who immediately gave up another RBI single. Jammers relievers Jheyson Manzueta and Nick Wittgren held the Cyclones scoreless through the bottom of the inning, and the Jammers padded their lead with two runs in the ninth.



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DUMBO loses street

Road would be pedestrian plaza under new plan

By Alfred Ng
for The Brooklyn Paper

DUMBO merchants and city officials want to close the tiny street of Anchorage Place to cars and expand a pedestrian plaza — creating a walker’s paradise at the foot of the Manhattan Bridge.

The short street would be closed to automotive traffic under a plan drafted by the DUMBO Business Improvement District and the Department of Transportation that would convert the roadway into an extension of the Pearl Street Triangle that connects to the pedestrian-only Manhattan Bridge archway.

Demapping the street would make strolling through DUMBO safer and give the neighborhood more space for outdoor events and programming, proponents say.

“This will continue the remarkable transformation of this part of the neighborhood into a retail corridor,” said Alexandria Sica, executive director of the DUMBO Business Improvement District.

Closing Anchorage Place, which runs between Plymouth and Pearl streets, would rid DUMBO of 24 parking spaces according to planners — but the city will change parking regulations on John and Pearl streets to allow parking at 20 to 30 new spaces.

The proposal has won



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Anchorage Place — the street at the top of this image — would be closed to cars under a plan that would expand the Pearl Street Triangle.

the endorsement of Community Board 2’s transportation committee. It must go before the full board and face an environmental assessment before it becomes reality.

If all goes according to plan, the hypotenuse of the Pearl Street Triangle will be closed off with planters or other movable bollards starting this summer — which is way too soon according to DoREEN Gallo, executive director of the DUMBO Neighborhood Alliance, who fears the plan

will push traffic to the other side of the pedestrian plaza.

“It’s going to impose a lot of vehicles over on Pearl Street, and it’ll dramatically change what’s happening there,” said Gallo. “The [city] is taking the street away from real uses — a lot of cars are depending on using that way.”

Gallo says the project should be put on hold — at least until the city repaves Anchorage Place with classic-looking Belgian Block, a \$20-million proposal expected to

begin in 2014. Her group also says reserving the road for pedestrians only makes little sense because of Anchorage Place’s industrial feel.

Project boosters say closing the road will have little impact on automotive traffic because most cars frequent Pearl Street already — and many DUMBO denizens agree.

“It isn’t really used as a roadway, I think it’d be more useful as a bike lane or a pedestrian walkway,” said David Chang, who works nearby.

Curing the stink

Plant pigment could help at Owl’s Head

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

A green pigment found in flowers could kill the foul odors coming out of a Bay Ridge sewage treatment plant, claims a Community Board 10 member who is so confident that his air freshener plan will work he’s willing to pay for it with his own Social Security check.

Allen Bortnick, who has spent years trying to find ways to kill the smells coming from the Owl’s Head Wastewater Treatment Facility near his home on Shore Road near 72nd Street, says that treating the tanks with chlorophyll will go a long way in sweetening the air.

“Chlorophyll is a chemical that eats rather than masks odors,” said Bortnick, 82, who claimed that Air-Wick used to sell a deodorizer made of plant juice that was more effective than any product the home fragrance company had sold. Air Wick didn’t return calls about why the product is no longer on the market. “You could just put a tub of chlorophyll out, and put some rags in it.”



File photo by Ted Levin

CB10 member Allen Bortnick has his own solution to the stench of Owls Head Sewage Treatment Plant.

Bortnick says he’s ready to fund the experiment out of his own Social Security check — but the city isn’t giving his plan the green light, despite lavishing \$50 million on the park last year in a failed bid to clean up the stink.

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Vincent Sapienza dismissed Bortnick’s green plan.

“We’re working on other solutions right now,” he said at the last CB10 meeting

where Bortnick spoke of his idea.

Instead, Sapienza said the city was exploring traditional options like covering several of the tanks, moving more of the malodorous materials indoors, and cleaning the plant’s digesters.

But Bortnick does have an ally in a Kingsborough Community College professor who says the activist’s idea is ecologically sound.

“It wouldn’t be surprising if a plant could neutralize some of those odors,” said Dr. Patrick Lloyd, who teaches analytic chemistry. “If you’re trying to do things from a green perspective, it is something you could look into.”

Lloyd pointed out that road planners often line highways with chlorophyll-rich plants to soak up carbon monoxide and other toxins, and suggested that the city put green algae directly in the sewage tanks, or create an algae-lined cylinder to process the waste.

The professor said that Bortnick’s idea was sound, but claims the plan’s execution — which would entail setting up enormous open

tanks of liquid chlorophyll — wouldn’t work in a large area like Owls Head.

“If you want to deodorize pet smells in your apartment, that’s one thing, but that’s another order of magnitude from deodorizing a Brooklyn neighborhood,” Lloyd said.

The professor added that both plans wouldn’t be cheap to implement, and would certainly exceed Bortnick’s humble Social Security payments.

“We’re talking about a major feat of civil engineering,” he said.

Chlorophyll, a molecule responsible for absorbing sunlight and using its energy to produce foliage through photosynthesis, is used by vitamin and natural foods companies as an internal and external cleanser, but the last time researchers looked into the substance’s odor-busting muscle was in the 1950s — with unclear results.

The nearly 60-year-old Owl’s Head plant treats up to 120 million gallons of noxious sludge per day, and has long been a thorn in the side of its neighbors — even after older outdoor tanks were moved indoors.

In 2007, the city added covers on some of the tanks, and in 2008 it installed a “flare” to burn off excess gas — yet residents continue to complain.

Water meters soak boro

By Eli Rosenberg
The Brooklyn Paper

The city’s new water meter readers are drowning the borough in undeserved bills, say angry Brooklynites who are now paying as much as eight times more for water than they did before.

The Bloomberg administration is installing the automated devices, which read and transmit information about water usage, across the city in a \$252-million program that was slated to save residents and businesses \$90 million thanks to improved accuracy.

But residents say the meter readers are causing their savings to go down the drain.

“I’ve been frustrated by it and I’m waiting for something to get done with it,” said Midwood resident Naomi Wolf, who claims she used to pay about \$1,200 per year for water — before the city billed her \$4,800 after installing an automated meter reader at her home on Ocean Parkway last September. “I use a normal amount of water like everybody else.”

Complaints have flooded Public Advocate Bill de Blasio’s office from all five boroughs — but Brooklyn leads the way with 168 complaints about allegedly faulty readers, 42 percent of the city-wide total. Brooklynites ev-

erywhere from Park Slope and Carroll Gardens to Canarsie and Mill Basin — the two neighborhoods with the most meter woes.

New readers aren’t the only thing shooting up water costs. The price of water in the city has nearly doubled for homeowners in the last 10 years. In 2013, water rates will rise another seven percent.

Critics say that instead of helping residents save cash, the new meter readers are just another money-maker for the city. The city is on pace to collect a record \$3 billion in water bills, which would be an increase of 30 percent from the \$2.1 billion collected in 2008, accord-

ing to the Daily News.

The Department of Environmental Protection says the readers have helped save residents money by cutting down on estimates, and maintains it has found no “discrepancy” in any of the meter readings that have sparked complaints.

But public officials say that’s ludicrous.

“The denials out of City Hall are getting less believable by the day,” said de Blasio. “We know bill disputes are up, we know [the Department of Environmental Protection] is out hiring new inspectors it shouldn’t need, we know homeowners are getting bills that defy explanation.”

LAKE...

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inated fishing or boating equipment could have also triggered the bloom, which first made waves last year but returned this summer in greater volume.

That worries park watch-

dogs, who have long claimed the gunk scares away waterfowl, blinds turtles, and sickens mammals.

“It’s a serious problem; it can kill aquatic wildlife in the watercourse,” said park advocate Ed Bahlman.

A warm spring season likely triggered excessive amounts of the fern, which has spread rapidly in the past three months and is “relatively new” to Prospect Park altogether, according to taxonomists with the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the New York Botanical Garden who tested the water after the stuff coated the

lake last fall and determined it was “azolla bloom.”

Dubbed water velvet and mosquito plant, the new strand aquatic life is the “Jekyll & Hyde” of water weeds — serving as a crop-boosting miracle plant as well as an oxygen-sucking ecosystem invader, according to some experts.

The fern, which is considered “the best adapted of all species for subsistence on mud,” can help balance nitrogen levels in waterways. And when it’s combined with other strands of algae, it can make plants and crops more fertile, researchers say.

A Prospect Park Alliance spokesman, Paul Nelson, sent The Brooklyn Paper a link to the agency’s website stating that the green and red gunk is not toxic and that scientists will continue to monitor it.

“We expect and hope that, being a native species, [it] will not have harmful consequences for our ecosystem,” the website notes. “That being said, we are watching closely.”

Authorities in Great Britain and China have worked to eradicate the same strand of water weed, saying it kills native wildlife and floods waterways.



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Lineup for Coney concerts

By Colin Mixson
The Brooklyn Paper

Talk about a genre jumble!

Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, the Village People, Squeeze, and Gladys Knight will be gracing the Seaside Summer Concert Series stage this season, Borough President Markowitz said as he announced a lineup that spans generations and musical styles for the 34th annual music series.

But not everyone will be able to enjoy the concert series, which will again be held in a cramped W. 21st Street parking lot — irking long-time concert-goers who remember the spacious green of Asser Levy Park, where the series was held for decades before it was forced to relocate last summer.

“Asser Levy Park was a beautiful and classic location,” said music fan Steven Centonzo.

“I miss the grass and picnicking with a blanket,” he said.

Joan Jett and the Blackhearts will once again perform at the Seaside Summer Concert Series this year.

This year’s concert series is slated to begin on July 12 with a tribute to Donna Summer, the five-time Grammy winner who wowed summer concert series crowds in 2009.

Gloria Gaynor, the Village People, the Tramps, and Rose Royce will be among the 1970s performers paying tribute to the disco diva who lost a battle to lung cancer this past May.

A similar Martin Luther King Jr. Concert Series at Wingate Field in East Flatbush will honor the late Whitney Houston.

Markowitz said audiences at the Seaside Summer Concert Series can look forward to weekly Thursday performances through Aug. 20 — with the exception of a Friday concert featuring Squeeze and the Romantics.

Seaside Summer Concert Series organizers will be offering 5,000 seats — at \$5 apiece — near a makeshift stage. There will also be room

for 2,000 more concert-goers in an area in the back.

Asser Levy Park, in comparison, was twice as large and provided spaces for music lovers to lay out on blankets.

Markowitz held his Seaside Summer Concert Series at Asser Levy Park every year since 1991, but was booted from the popular greenspace after he announced plans to build a \$64-million, 8,000-seat bandshell there.

Congregants of two synagogues abutting the park balked at the idea, calling the amphitheater a monstrosity that would destroy parkland and overwhelm their quiet street.

Synagogue officials sued to stop the amphitheater after blowing the dust off an old city regulation that forbids amplified music within 500 feet of a house of worship.

Markowitz settled the lawsuit by agreeing to relocate to W. 21st Street.

Cops: Gang attack in McCarren

94TH PRECINCT
Greenpoint–Northside

Three alleged gang members viciously assaulted a man in McCarren Park on July 6.

The victim said he was near Union and Driggs avenues at 9:20 pm when he was confronted by three alleged Latin Kings members. The perps hit the man in the left eye with a brick, then tripped him when he tried to escape, police said.

The men proceeded to punch and kick the victim while he was down, and then stabbed him multiple times, police said.

Poolside scuffle

Three teens were arrested for disturbing the peace and fighting police officers at the McCarren Park Pool on July 2.

Officials said the trio was causing trouble at the pool between Lorimer and Leonard streets at 5:15 pm. When officers tried to take them into custody, they teens allegedly attacked the officers, punching their faces and causing swelling.

Cell snatcher

A thief blind-sided and robbed a woman of her iPhone on Maspeth Avenue on July 4.

She told officers that she was between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road at 1:05 am when the robber ran up behind, snatched the smartphone from her hands, and knocked her down. The victim suffered a bruise to her leg and the thief dashed off.

Gun run

A gunman threatened, robbed, and injured a woman on Richardson Street on July 5.

The victim told police she was sitting on the curb between Debevoise and Kingsland avenues at 4 pm when the thug approached.

“I have a gun, give me your money,” he said as he pulled a pistol from his waistband.

The victim fought back and the perp pushed her to the ground, and left with her bag containing \$1,000. The woman suffered cuts on her left elbow and arm.

Car caper

A thief stole a Lincoln Town Car left idling on Wythe Avenue on July 8.

The victim said he left his car parked and running between N. 11th and N. 12th streets at 6:10 am as he got out to talk to a friend. He turned around to see his car — containing his iPhone and navigation system — speeding off.

78TH PRECINCT
Park Slope

Cold shoulder

A jerk snatched a purse containing a wallet and cellphone from a woman on 14th Street in the early morning of July 7.

The 39-year-old victim told cops she was near Fifth Avenue at 4:30 am when a crook grabbed the bag hanging from her shoulder and ran away, making off with the brown wallet and cellphone inside.

Held tight

A group of thugs roughed up a man, then jacked his cellphone on Prospect Park West on July 3.

The 24-year-old victim told cops he was standing in front of his home near Ninth Street at 12:15 am when five perps approached him.

One of the assailants grabbed the victim and held him from behind while another swiped his iPhone before running away.

Tireless thief

The wheels of two cars — one parked on Prospect Park West and the other on Garfield Place — went missing overnight on July 5.

A 40-year-old victim told cops he parked his gray 2008 Audi on Prospect Park West near 14th Street at 9 pm, then

came back the next day at 8 am. That’s when he discovered all four tires and rims, valued at \$2,500, had vanished.

A black 2009 Nissan parked on Garfield Place near Fifth Avenue suffered the same fate, police said.

Jewels jacked

A crook stole some jewelry and electronics from an apartment on Fourth Street on July 6.

The 31-year-old victim told cops she locked her door as she left her home near Fifth Avenue at 8:30 am.

She came back at 7:30 pm and discovered a dent on her door and her lock busted — then noticed a necklace, camera, and a laptop were missing.

Retail tale

A thief swiped a wallet from a clerk at a shop on Fifth Avenue on July 6.

The 25-year-old victim told cops she set her purse behind the counter at Something Else, a clothing store near Union Street, at 1:30 pm then helped some customers.

She returned 90 minutes later and discovered her Marc Jacobs wallet, along with her Kingsborough Community College ID, and \$80, were gone.

Mama mia!

A jerk stole an unattended wallet from a pizza shop on 14th Street on July 2.

The 20-year-old victim told cops he left his wallet and cellphone at a restaurant near Fifth Avenue at 9:10 pm, walked away for 10 minutes, then came back and discovered them gone.

— **Natalie O’Neill**

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90TH PRECINCT
Southside–Bushwick

Pistol pilfering

A menacing gunman mugged a man on Scholes Street on July 1 — forcing the victim to hand over his phone and cash.

The victim told police he was between Graham Avenue and Humboldt Street at 2:30 pm when he felt a tap on his shoulders.

As he turned around, he came face-to-face with the thief, who calmly told him to relax and hand over his phone. After the victim initially refused, the mugger displayed a large revolver for extra convincing.

“Don’t make me pull my s--- out,” the gunman said. The victim handed over his phone and wallet, which contained \$350.

Pain station

Two thugs attacked a woman at the Morgan Avenue train station on July 3 and dashed off with her purse.

The victim told cops she was inside the station on Harrison Place between Bogart Street and Morgan Avenue at 3:04 am when the duo approached her. One mugger punched her, and the other attempted to snatch her purse, she said.

“Quit trying to fight back,” one of the pugilist’s said, according to police documents. The victim then ran toward an MTA booth, but the two jerks caught up and grabbed her pocketbook and iPhone.

— **Alfred Ng**

68TH PRECINCT
Bay Ridge–Dyker Heights

Gone in a flash

A crook took \$1,550 in cameras from a Bay Ridge man’s 67th Street apartment on July 2, cops say.

The victim reported that he left the window of his apartment between Fourth and Fifth avenues open before taking off for work at 7 am.

When he came home at 4:30 pm, he saw someone had opened his window and left with his pricey photo gear.

Lifted screen

A burglar helped himself to an \$800 TV from a 64th Street apartment while the tenant was out on July 4.

The victim said he left the windows open at his home between Third and Fourth avenues before leaving at 2 pm, and then came back at 2 am to see a thief had pushed up one of the screens and made off with the costly electronics.

Mac daddy

A bandit yanked a \$2,000 MacBook computer from a Seventh Avenue house on July 7.

The victim told cops that he left his pad between 83rd and 84th streets at 2:50 pm, and came back at 3:13 pm only to find that a burglar had busted open his side door and taken his laptop.

Cops are looking at a neighbor’s security tapes to find the thief.

— **Will Bredderman**

88TH PRECINCT
Fort Greene–Clinton Hill

Lafa-theft Ave.

A burglar struck a house on Lafayette Avenue on July 3 — while the couple was still asleep.

The 45-year-old victim told cops he fell asleep at his place between Adelphi Street and Carlton Avenue at 1:20 am, and woke up at 7 am to find his wallet and backpack gone.

Bike thief

A man left his bike unlocked on St. Felix Street on July 5 — and someone peddled away with it.

The 65-year-old victim told investigators he left his bike outside the building between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place at 12:05 pm while he ran inside to get his paycheck, but when he came back the bike was gone.

Chuck E. Sleaze

A crook stole a purse from the Chuck E. Cheese’s on Flatbush Avenue on July 2.

The 27-year-old victim told cops she was at the kids’ fun zone in the Atlantic Terminal Mall on Flatbush Avenue at 10:30 pm when she left her purse and went to the bathroom.

When she returned, the pocketbook was gone.

Climbing down

Two men were arrested for climbing on a Clermont Avenue building early in the morning on July 7, cops said.

An eyewitness told police that he saw the two men opening a window in the building between DeKalb and Lafayette avenues at 4:45 am.

Free shopping

Police cuffed a suspect accused of using a fraudulent credit card to steal clothes from the Atlantic Terminal Mall on July 3.

Cops said the 33-year-old racked up \$2,913 in purchases at the Target in the mall on Flatbush Avenue at 1:37 pm before he was apprehended at another store later that day.

Cash grab

A thief struck a house on Lafayette Avenue on July 3 — taking off with the ten-

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Three shot

A gunman shot and wounded three victims in a shocking July 7 attack on Richards Street.

Cops responding to a shooting at 3:40 am found three injured men near the lobby of a building between Sullivan and Wolcott streets.

All three victims — ages 19, 20, and 22 — had been hit in the torso. None of the wounds are expected to be fatal. Cops canvassed the neighborhood, but found no suspects. The investigation is ongoing, a police source said.

Drop it

Police cuffed a 23-year-old accused of dropping a loaded handgun when he crossed paths with cops on July 6.

Officers responding to reports of shots fired at the corner of Henry and Mill streets at 11:15 pm say they spotted a man matching the description of a suspect. They report seeing the man chuck a firearm onto the sidewalk, hop into a 2006 Hyundai, and flee toward Hamilton Avenue.

They gave chase, pulled him over and took him into custody after recovering a loaded, black Hi-Point semi-automatic pistol nearby, according to investigators.

Bagel bites

Thieves broke into a Hamilton Avenue bagel shop and made off with a TV and cash, according to police.

The burglars got into the cafe between Summit and Van Brunt streets after 3 pm on June 30. When employees opened up the shop at 6:30 am on July 1, they realized a TV was missing, \$120 had vanished from the register, and the rear door was ajar.

— **Ben Muessig**

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COMEDY

Stories aside

Did you hear the one about the former Nick-elodeon star who's making his stand-up comedy debut in Brooklyn?

Fifteen of the city's best storytellers — including "Blue's Clues" star-turned spoken word



master Steve Burns — are joining forces for a comedy showcase featuring short stand-up routines.

"I Like You, Maude," a lottery-style improvisational storytelling series, is staging a special edition evening in

which top-notch performers ditch the personal narrative and prepare three-minute comedic performances.

"There's a gray area between comedy and storytelling," said organizer Kerri Doherty. "This gives us a chance to tell a one-liner or make a funny observation."

Many performers also participate in the legendary The Moth StorySLAM series and have in the past told tales featuring an apocalyptic cockroach, a deadly Caesar salad and a clairvoyant colon doctor.

I Like You, Maude at Tea Lounge [837 Union St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762]. July 17, 7:30 pm. Free. — Natalie O'Neill

MUSIC

Guns blazing

They shoot to kill, and they've got Brooklyn in their sights.

Energized from a nationwide tour, Cobalt and the Hired Guns are bringing their fok-punk rock to Union Hall in Park Slope to some of their most devoted fans.

The Chicago-based band debuted their first album in 2008, "Jump the Fence" — which our editors reviewed three years ago as a smash album.

Their latest album "Everybody Wins" was a fan-funded project on the website Kickstarter — and a significant amount of the funds were from Brooklyn.

"We had a big fan base from Oberlin College in Ohio," said band member Mike Roth. "Most of them moved to Brooklyn after graduating."

And after two years away from the borough, the band is feeling antsy to get back.

"We can't wait to show them the new songs and new tricks we have up our sleeves," said Roth.

Cobalt and the Hired Guns at Union Hall [702 Union St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues, (718) 638-4400, unionhallny.com]. July 27, 7:30 pm. \$8. — Alfred Ng



Photo courtesy of Nova

THEATER

Cowabunga!

You've heard of turtle soup, but what about roasted heroes on the half-shell.

A comedic trio are uniting for a night of Mystery Science Theater 3000-style movie roasts, but instead of cracking jokes over

some obscure '50s sci-fi romp, they'll be poking fun at the first film featuring everybody's favorite mutated, color-coded, reptile assassins — the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

The movie is sure to inspire some timeless observations.

"I recently read a book about the sex lives of different animals, and did you know that a number of reptiles have two sets of penises?" comedian Jerm Pollet prodded in an interview.

"That means the Ninja Turtles have eight d-----"

But the show doesn't stop with the movie. The Raspberry Brothers have included Ninja Turtles trivia, ooze-themed drinks, and even a live martial arts demonstration.

Roth, at 40-years-old, is a yellow belt.

And while the first Ninja Turtles movie certainly has its hokier scenes, fans of cheese-fests should see the sequel, where Vanilla Ice makes a cameo as the hokiest character of them all — himself.

Nitehawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Ave. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue, (718) 384-3980, nitehawkcinema.com]. July 20, 12 am. \$15. — Colin Mixson



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Contaminant cocktails

Naming your establishment after a local landmark is one thing, but taking the more-than-undrinkable Gowanus Canal as the namesake for a beverage — and serving it up to patrons — is walking a line between the playfully ironic, and plainly daring.

Here are three drinks named after the putrid sludgeway that we tried and survived to write about.

The Gowanus

A dip in the Gowanus Canal is more risky than it is restorative, but splashing around in a refreshing cocktail of the same name is a safer proposition (pictured below).

Made with grapefruit vodka, grapefruit juice, seltzer, lime, simple syrup, and some fresh basil flotsam, Bar Tano's creation is a slightly bitter summer drink that reminded our intrepid reporter of a not-so-sweet mojito or a spiked lime-ade.

Fishing out all of that basil using a cocktail straw is a tall task — you might even start empathizing with the feds tasked with scrubbing the waterway while you're trying to clean out your glass.

Bar Tano [457 Third Ave. at Ninth Street, (718) 499-3400, bartano.com]. \$10.



Gowanus Houseboat Swizzle

This sludge-inspired concoction actually looks like a refreshing glass of canal water, with something strange floating at the top and the rest becoming progressively murky as you reach the bottom, but don't worry — it's a layer of red bitters, and not a toxic chemical, you see. It sits atop a color shifting liquid that goes from a bright orange to neon yellow to a slight green — that's the blend of Cachaca, lime, orange juice, and Galliano.

It's served cold enough to form frost on the glass, and it starts off with strong, tasting of ginger, and ends bitter and dry, thanks to the sour flavor.

Clover Club [210 Smith St., between Baltic and Butler streets, (718) 855-7939]. \$12.

St. Gowanus Beer

This Belgian pale ale from the local brewers at Kelso is a muddy orange, with an insubstantial head, and tastes surprisingly light — since its name might insinuate a patron saint of pollution. It's a refreshing summer drink, and there's a hint of spice and fruitiness, begging for a slice of orange, but with none provided, the beer tastes a bit thin, and it lacks the deep and dark punch one might expect from a drink named after a toxic waste dump.

Water Street Restaurant & Lounge [68 Water St. betw. Main and Dock streets, (718) 625-9352]. \$6.

— Sol Park



Canal spirit

New bar named for Gowanus biohazard

By Alfred Ng
for The Brooklyn Paper

Drinking from the Gowanus Canal is a Brooklynite's worst nightmare, but that hasn't stopped the fetid waterway from inspiring a new Carroll Street watering hole and other trendy hangouts.

The new bar Lavender Lake touts the Gowanus Canal in its name — following the lead of several other Canal-side businesses that have started re-branding the egregious environmental hazard in a bid for cred, customers, and cool points.

"We wanted to pay tribute to the neighborhood but also have an inviting name," said co-owner Eric Chavez, who turned an old horse stable into the neighborhood's newest bar.

"Lavender Lake carries such a negative connotation, but if you didn't know any better, it sounds like a great place."

The Gowanus Canal's nickname became part of the Brooklyn lexicon after a 1998 documentary of the same name detailed the waterway's polluted conditions.

The viaduct's reputation has only gotten worse following widespread media coverage of the fact it contains gonorrhea, is flooded with hundreds of gallons of raw sewage per year, and qualifies for a costly federal cleanup reserved for the nation's biggest environmental mishaps.

That doesn't sound appetizing — but entrepreneurs are still embracing the putrid creek.

Bar owners and restaurateurs have dubbed their business ventures after the canal, from the Gowanus Yacht Club to the Canal Bar.

The crew behind the buzz-worthy restaurant Buttermilk Channel — named after the tidal strait beside the putrid waterway's mouth — say their eatery's name sounds clean for being so close to the canal.

"I looked around for something in the area that would tie my restaurant to the history of the neighborhood," said Buttermilk Channel owner Doug Crowell.

"I still consider it a great stroke of luck that we happen to be located near such a delicious sounding body of water."

And it's not just the signs outside — drinkers often find Gowanus-inspired concoctions on cocktail lists.

The Lavender Lake — owned by a group of interior design experts who



Photos by Elizabeth Graham

What's in a name: Lavender Lake's Emily Deason samples Gowanus-inspired drink, the Lavender Lake Iced Tea — a mixture of lavender vodka, lemon and earl grey iced tea — and unlike the canal it's named after, there's no trace of pollution. Below, an order of house chips served at the bar.

otherwise have no experience in the bar business — serves up a "Lavender Lake iced tea," which is tastier than it sounds.

The Canal-inspired drink is a mix of lavender vodka, simple syrup, Earl Grey iced tea, and lemon with no traces


of toxic sludge to be found — the only danger is in ordering a few too many of them.

Lavender Lake [383 Carroll St. at Bond Street, (383) 799-2154]. Monday-Friday, 4 pm-2 am, Saturday, Sunday, 12 pm-2 am.

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EDITORS' PICKS

SATURDAY
July 14



Your land

Celebrate Woody Guthrie's 100th birthday at the Jalopy, where some of Brooklyn's best folk music performers will gather for a tribute concert. Guthrie was a Coney Island resident, political activist, songwriter, and poet, so along with the music, there will be a reading of his works, a screening of "To Hear Your Banjo Play," and stories from people who knew the artist personally.

9 pm at the Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street, (718) 395-3214, jalopy.biz]. \$10.

SUNDAY
July 15

Royal Monch

Best known for the song "Simon Says," where he emphatically asked listeners to get up from the sitting or prone position, and legendary wordsmith from the popular rap show the Lyricist Lounge, Pharoahe Monch is performing his famously complex rhymes at the Brooklyn Bowl as a part of a benefit concert for the "More Than Me Foundation," a charity that helps young Liberian girls attend school.

8 pm at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave., between N. 11th and N. 12th streets, (718) 963-3369, www.brooklynbowl.com]. \$17.



MONDAY
July 16

Great American

With a view of the Brooklyn Bridge and a jazz trio, Books Beneath the Bridge, a new outdoor literature series, will have Amor Towles read from her novel, "Rules of Civility," — the tale of a young woman's rise into the New York City social scene, evoking the likes of Fitzgerald and Capote.

7 pm at Brooklyn Bridge Park [Pier 1 entrance at Furman and Old Fulton streets, (718) 222-9939, www.brooklyn-bridgepark.org]. Free.



TUESDAY
July 17

Arabian nights

Hackers are constantly on the watch for the threatening surveillance spotlight of the state, in G. Willow Wilson's novel, "Alif the Unseen," a story that blends Arab culture and politics with cyber espionage and alternate realities. Fans of William Gibson and Jorge Luis Borges will appreciate.

7 pm at the powerHouse Arena [37 Main St., at Water Street, (718) 666-3049, powerhousearena.com]. Free.



THURSDAY
July 19



Glittering gold

Enjoy some old-timey entertainment at the kitschy Beauty Bar, with Helen Pontani of the World Famous Pontani Sisters. She'll charm you with her many talents, including tornado-like tapping skills, and her sparkling glamour, joined by live music from Jay Sanford and Jordan Hyde, of the Jessie Carolina and the Hot Mess ensemble.

9:30 pm at the Beauty Bar [249 Fifth Ave. at Garfield Place, (718) 788-8867, thebeautybar.com/brooklyn]. Free.

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FRI, JULY 13

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CLASS, FREE WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS: We will be offering the public a free women's self defense class Fridays at 8 pm starting June 29th. The goal is to teach practical ways to defend against an attacker. Every woman should have access to women's self defense training. We hope to help protect women by offering this training in a positive and empowering setting, for free. You shouldn't have to pay for safety! free. 8:00 pm. Class One Mixed Martial Arts & CrossFit [85 4th Ave in Park Slope, (718) 230-3530], www.c1mma.com.

THEATER, XANADU - SUMMER CAMP '70S STYLE, ROLLS INTO BROOKLYN THIS SUMMER! ROLLER-SKATING MUSICAL COMEDY SPECTACULAR MAKES ITS BROOKLYN PREMIER: Piper Theatre brings the unrestrained fun and fashions of the 1970s to the Old Stone House this July, as we proudly present the Brooklyn premiere of "Xanadu," the musical comedy adapted from the 1980 cult classic film starring Olivia Newton-John. The cast is on roller skates for almost the entire production makes it the summertime-perfect escape for Brooklynites of every age and cultural stripe. Free. 8 pm. Old Stone House, Washington Park [336 Third Street at 5th Avenue, Brooklyn 11215 in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], piper-theatre.org/performance.

CIVIC CALENDAR

WED, JULY 18

Lefferts Gardens Charter School. Board meeting. Free. 6:30 pm. Lefferts Gardens Montessori School [559 Rogers Avenue in Lefferts Gardens, (718) 284-1480], www.lefferts-gardens.org.

Community Education Council District 21. Annual business meeting. Free. 6:30 pm. PS 329 The Surfside School [2929 W. 30th St and Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 333-3885], www.cecd21.org.

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Roll-icking good time: Alissa Laderer and Jamie Roach are the stars of the musical on wheels, "Xanadu," at Washington Park on Thursdays and Fridays this July.

FILM, CLERMONT-FERRAND SHORT FILMS - ROOFTOP FILMS SUMMER SERIES: Founded in 1979, the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival is one of the most prestigious and exciting cinematic gatherings in the world. 8:00pm Doors open 8:30pm Live music 9:00pm Films 11:00pm-12:30am After-party. \$12. 8:00 PM. Dekalb Market [138 Willoughby St at Flatbush in Downtown Brooklyn, (718) 417-7362], rooftop-films.com/2012/schedule/clermontferrand-short-films-1.

SAT, JULY 14

THEATER, "LADY SUSAN OR THE CAPTIVE HEART, A JANE AUSTEN BODICE RIPPER": A reading of the dramedy adaptation by Lynn Marie Macy that tells the tale of Lady Susan, a manipulative callous and cruel widow, who is looking to buy her fortunes back by hooking a rich husband. No reservations, presented by Theater 2020 Visions for a New Millennium. Free. 1:30 pm. Brooklyn Heights Library [280 Cadman Plaza W at Tillary St. in Brooklyn Heights], www.theater2020.com.

MUSIC, PARAGON RAGTIME ORCHESTRA'S YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG: 2012 Hot Summer Nights, free outdoor concert series: George M. Cohan's Broadway concert presents a stirring look at this great composer's life and music, playing the original scores on antique instruments of such hits as "Give My Regards to Broadway," "H-a-r-r-i-gan," "The Yankee Doodle Boy," "Over There!," and many more of Cohan's enduring songs. This concert features a Broadway song and dance man performing in grand Cohan style! Free. 8 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000], www.onstageatkingsborough.org.

WILD BERRIES: Join with "Wildman"

Steve Brill and look for wild berries, mushrooms and greens. \$20 (\$10 children under 12). 11:45 am. Grand Army Plaza [Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 835-2153], www.wildmanstevebrill.com.

CANARSIE HISTORY MUSEUM 10TH ANNIVERSARY: This will be the 10th anniversary of the fair and many are invited to check out the exhibits featuring: Canarsie Police/Fire history Native American History Local Merchant/Resident History and Canarsie Transit history, (with Steven Kaye of the NYC transit car restoration club). Free. noon. Canarsie History Museum [954 E 95th St in Canarsie, 718-649-5083].

SPOONS, TOONS, AND BOOZE GETS BANNED: Booze and feast while enjoying censored cartoons from the 1940's-1990's. \$11. 12 pm. Nighthawk Cinema [136 Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 384-3980], nitehawkcinema.com.

SUMMER EXHIBIT: Urban Garden: This summer's exhibit offers practical tips to help urban dwellers green up their homes, with a focus on easy maintenance and sustainable practices in Lily Pool Terrace. An exhibit on BBG's innovative community horticultural outreach program, GreenBridge, is also featured in the Steinhart Conservatory. 3 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbgo.org.

FILM, THE ARGENTINEAN LESSON: Captured in breathtaking 16mm film, an eight-year-old traveling from Poland to Argentina meets Marcia, a beautiful and brave young girl, 11 going on 30. Filmmaker Wojciech Staron will be in attendance for a Q and A following the screening. 8:00 PM Doors Open 8:30 PM Live Music 9:00 PM Film Begins 11:00 PM-12:30 AM Reception in Courtyard. \$12. 8:00 PM. The Old American Can

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WALT WHITMAN'S FORT GREENE TOUR: Walt Whitman's Fort Greene Tour Learn about Walt Whitman's history with Fort Greene Park, which he wrote about in Brooklyn Daily Eagle editorials. The afternoon also includes discussions about the history of the park, including its role in the American Revolution and Civil War, and the monuments dedicated to the Wallabout Martyrs. Guest artists will provide the poetry and song. . Free. 1 pm. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218].

MON, JULY 16

INSTALLATION: The Tile Mural Installation ceremony opens the collaborated works of the NYC Dept. for the Aging, JASA Senior Alliance Senior Center and JASA Scheuer House of Manhattan Beach. Free. 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Senior Alliance Senior Center [161 Corbin Pl. in Manhattan Beach, (718) 646-4100], www.jasa.org.

"BESSIE'S BIG SHOT": The cow jumps over the moon in this great puppet production. Free. 10:30 am. Coffey Park [85 Richards St. between Verona and King Streets in Red Hook], www.cityparksfoundation.org.

MUSIC, MONDAY NIGHT VINYL CLUB AT BELL HOUSE: You bring it, you spin it. Be a DJ and hear your records on a top notch sound system in the Frontier Room of the Bell House. Free. Free. 8pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

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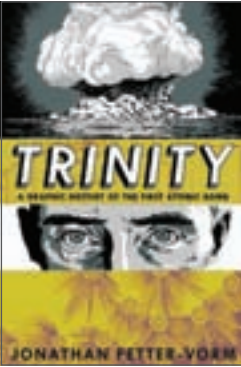
An atomic family

Author traces bomb’s history to grandparents

By Chuck O’Donnell
for The Brooklyn Paper

Hiroshima was one of the most devastating military attacks on civilians — but it was also the result of countless people just doing their jobs.

In the bowels of a decommissioned industrial plutonium reactor in Hanford, Wash., Greenpoint writer and artist Jonathan Fetter-Vorm was doing some field research for his book, “Trin-



First impressions: “Trinity” is the story of the first atomic bomb by the same name, written and illustrated by Jonathan Fetter-Vorm (pictured left).

ity,” and found himself standing where everyday folk — government workers like his grandfather, a welder, and his grandmother, an office worker — helped create the first atomic bomb.

And like tens of thousands of other workers in Hanford and other sites, they were kept in the dark about what they were creating, until news broke of the bombing of Hiroshima.

“He was just a welder working on instrumentation,” Fetter-Vorm said. “When they

said weld, he welded.”

The plutonium developed in Hanford was used to fuel Trinity — the code name given to the test bomb detonated in the New Mexico desert in 1945.

Fetter-Vorm is linked to Trinity through his grandparents, but the graphic novel traces the sweeping narrative of the atomic age, from the labs of Europe in the late 19th century through the arms race, to today’s world where words like meltdown or fallout are as common as explosion or earthquake.

But what sets “Trinity” apart from the many other books about the Manhattan Project is the haunting pen and inks work of Fetter-Vorm.

“With graphic novels, you can jump back and forth from science diagrams to historical figures like Oppenheimer and Truman to a diagram of an atom,” Fetter-Vorm said. “You can’t do that in any book, movie or documentary.”

“Trinity” is part science lesson, history manual, comic book and — journalistic investigation. To write the book, he located and interviewed two scientists who worked on bomb.

COMICS

Pick up a copy of “Trinity” at Bergen Street Comics [470 Bergen St. between Flatbush and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 230-5600], Desert Island [540 Metropolitan Ave. near Union Street in Williamsburg, (718) 388-5087], St. Mark’s Comics [148 Montague St. between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 935-0911], Barnes and Noble [267 Seventh Ave. between Fifth and Sixth streets in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066].

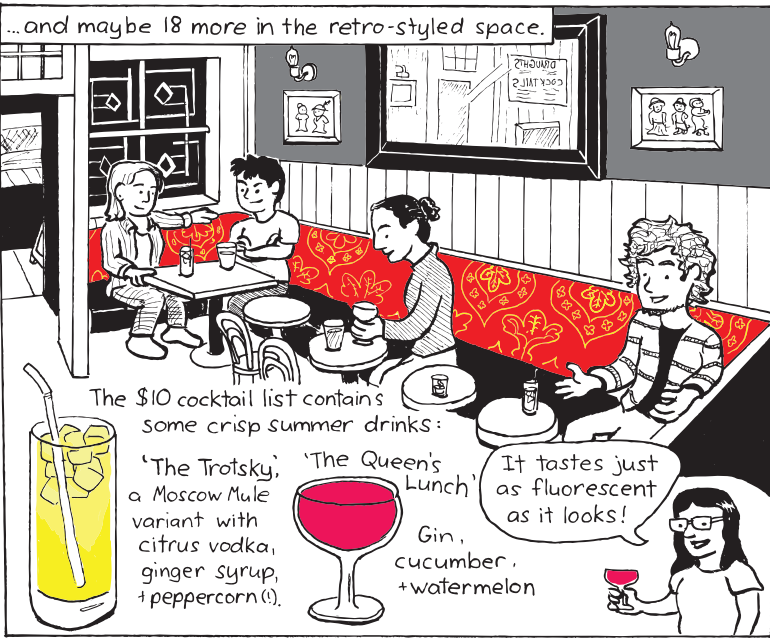
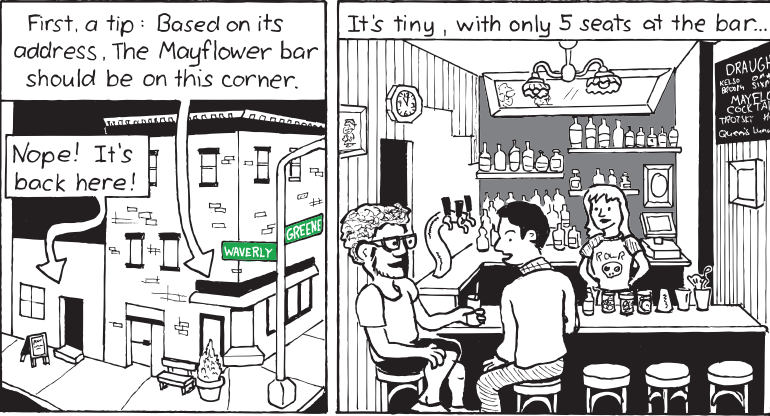
In fact, Fetter-Vorm says he was careful not to use the book to espouse his personal or political views, thus allowing the reader to be overcome by a powerful feeling of dread instead of a didactic story.

But toward the end of the book, the author’s grandparents speak their minds.

“My grandmother actually packed up and left the day after they learned what they were working on, when they read about the (Hiroshima) bomb in the newspaper,” he said. “They were so horrified, they left. I’m proud of them for that.”

BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Roundy



The Mayflower [132 Greene Ave., at Waverly Avenue in Clinton Hill (entrance on Waverly), (718) 576-3584]. Open daily, 5 pm–4 am.

Sweet meats

Slope pub mixes cold cuts, candy

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

A Park Slope bar is serving up an appetizer that combines the sweetness of dessert with the saltiness of Italian deli meat.

Uncle Barry’s Bar on Fifth Avenue has forged new culinary ground by wrapping the chewy, crispy caramel-chocolate goodness of a Twix bar with a zesty slice of prosciutto — wowing hungry barflies and sparking dietary dialogue, according to beer curator Matt Volner.

“It’s a conversation piece,” he said. “The delicate textures of the caramel and chocolate and the prosciutto really come out.”

To construct the not-so-elaborate snack, bar co-owner Jake Trebach retrieves an individually-wrapped chilled mini-Twix bar and strips away the plastic outer sheathing to reveal the delicate brown morsel within. He then takes a thin cut of salted and seasoned pork flesh, purchased from Blue Apron Foods on the corner of Seventh Avenue



Twix on sticks: Uncle Barry’s Bar beermeister Matt Volner shows off the bar’s specialty item, a Twix bar wrapped in prosciutto.

and Union Street, and carefully winds it tight around the chocolate. Finally, he impales the creation with a toothpick, and balances it on a rocks glass.

Volner recommends letting the concoction sit and warm up for a few moments before eating in order to relish its full, rich flavor.

Since Uncle Barry’s starting stocking the prosciutto-wrapped Twix bar in May, it

has become popular among patrons—but Volner recommends enjoying the delicacy in moderation.

“Eating it every day, I don’t recommend,” he said. “But come in and try it. It’s two things people love, together.”

Prosciutto-wrapped Twix bars at Uncle Barry’s Bar [58 Fifth Ave. in Park Slope, (718) 622-4980]. One, \$3; two, \$5.

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Play with nerds

Video games take the stage in festival

By Charles Gershman
for The Brooklyn Paper

There are players on the stage, but they're not the ones to watch. Williamsburg's Brick Theater kicked off their Game Play festival with a terrifically inventive collection of four short pieces called "Kwaidan," adaptations of traditional Japanese ghost stories told through today's most popular video games — turning entertainment for the masses into delicate acts of story telling.

The theater group behind the performances, EK Machinima, is named after the founder and artistic director, Eddie Kim — and "machinima" is a term for the technique they employ to stage their dramas. Each piece is brought to life using several video games, including "World of Warcraft," "Duck Hunt," and "Halo: Reach" — projected large upon a white screen at the very front of the theater (or "upstage"), and controlled on-the-fly, by gamers sitting with their backs turned to the audience and their faces wrapped in the glow of laptop monitors.

An offstage story teller, played by Connor Sedlacek, tells each tale in an uninflected voice, occasionally interrupted by dialogue from the characters — a blind musician performs for demons, a nobleman falls in love with a strange girl, a desperate hunter kills the wrong bird, and a young man nearly dies in an encounter with a witch.

The video games, guns-and-swords-centric as they are, could easily overpower these delicate stories, but Kim's directorial choices bring out the mathematical beauty of these 3D renderings, like the pixelated snowfall in "Minecraft," as well as the black humor of goofy cartoon violence, like in "Duck Hunt."

There's also a strange irony in watching this group of boys — who, sitting on the floor in the center of the theatre, appear entirely in their element with their laptops and joy-

Joystick em' up: Characters from the video game "Halo: Reach" are the actors in "Kwaidan" — a theatrical adaptation of Japanese ghost stories at the Brick Theater.

sticks, not so much spellbound under the narcotic influence of electronic entertainment as exerting control. One thinks of a group of marionettes with their individual masters.

Indeed, spectators can see the backstage workings, "strings" and all, because each laptop screen, visible even from the back of the house, shows the gamers hard at work, setting up camera angles and placing their avatars in position, even while the large screen goes black between scenes.

Kim, a theatre teacher at the Pier-report School in Westport, Conn., has been creating and presenting machinima theater since 2007. The group,

which consists of his students, has performed in various venues, including the A.R.T. in Cambridge, Mass.

The results are pleasantly surprising — not only because the logistics of their performance are a feat in themselves, but also the medium in which they convey such subtle stories is one so often associated with and underestimated as idle child's play.

Kwaidan at the Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street, (718) 907-6189, bricktheater.com]. Sat., July 14 at 5pm, Thurs., July 19 at 7 pm, Sat., July 21 at 7 pm, and Sun., July 22 at 2 pm. Tickets \$15.

9 DAYS...

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TUES, JULY 17

COMEDY, I LIKE YOU, MAUDE: Special Edition - NYC's Finest Storytellers Doing Stand-Up Comedy! **FREE.** 7:30PM. Tea Lounge [837 Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762], www.tealounge-ny.com.

WED, JULY 18

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S CONCERTS IN FORT GREENE PARK: Come sing, dance, celebrate, and enjoy the beauty of the Park with us at these special, family-friendly concerts every Wednesday morning all summer long. Artists will be Mil's Trills, Jeremy Plays Guitar, The Rozz & Val Show, Suzi Shelton, Astrograss, Robbi K and Friends, Moey's Music Party, and finally Rolie Polie Guacamole. **Free.** 10 am. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center [Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 722-3218].

THURS, JULY 19

THEATER, THE TRAGEDY OF OTHELLO, THE MOORE OF VENICE, DIRECTED BY MARK HARBORTH: The Gallery Players is proud to present The Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice, its fourth annual production of Shakespeare in the Summer. Othello runs from Thursday evening July 19th, through Sunday afternoon, August 5th. \$18.00. 7:30. Gallery Players [199 14th St., between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], galleryplayers.com.

DANCE, LEARN TO DANCE SOCIAL AND INSTRUCTION: Social dancing and instruction in Latin and American Style dancing takes place in Brooklyn every Thursday afternoon at JASA, 3601 Surf Avenue at 2:45 - 4PM. Instruction by Professional and DJ formerly of Roseland. Singles and couples. Dinner served for \$1. Free \$1 for dinner. 2:45PM. JASA - Scheuer House [3601 Surf Ave in Sea Gate, (718) 332-7825].

MOVIES, SYFY MOVIES WITH A VIEW: Slumdog Millionaire (R): This is the 13th season of Brooklyn Bridge Park's movie series on Thursdays this summer. Shorts are curated by BAMcinématek, and DJs from Brooklyn Radio kick off the evening. Bike valet provided by Transportation Alternatives. **Free.** 6 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park [334 Furman Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-9939], www.brooklynbridgepark.org.

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SUMMER STROLL: Take a walk, listen to music, and have a relaxing dinner, all presented by the vendors and merchants on Third Avenue. **Free.** 6-10:30 pm. Third Avenue [Third Ave. 81st to 89th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-9700].

RUMBA TAP: The ensemble mixes and remixes traditional tap with a Afro-Cuban jazz and folkloric music.

Free. 6:30-7:15 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

FILM, COMING HOME - ROOFTOP FILMS SUMMER SERIES: It's never easy to go home, but this program of spirited black comedies, fraught animations and intimate documentaries offers hope for reconciliation. 8:00 PM Open 8:30 PM Live Music 9:00 PM Films. **FREE.** 8:00 PM. Metrotech Commons [Bridge Street and Johnson Street in Downtown Brooklyn, (718) 417-7362], rooftopfilms.com/2012/schedule/coming-home.

DANCE, HUSTLE PARTY AT DANCEFEVER STUDIOS II: Boogie down to Dancefever Studio at 9pm! Come early to take the free intermediate hustle dance class at 8 pm. \$10. 8:00 PM. DanceFever Studios II [159 20th St., between 3rd and 4th Avenues, (718) 637-3216], www.dancefeverstudios.com.

SAT, JULY 21

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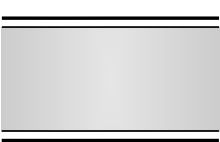
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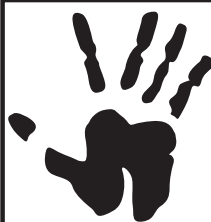


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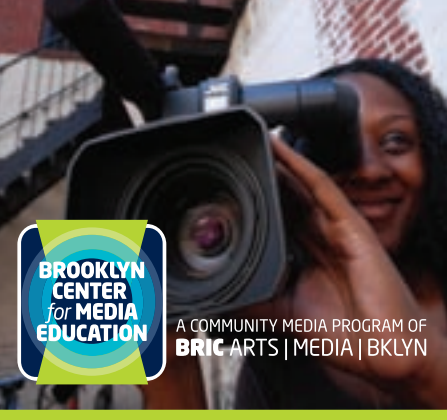
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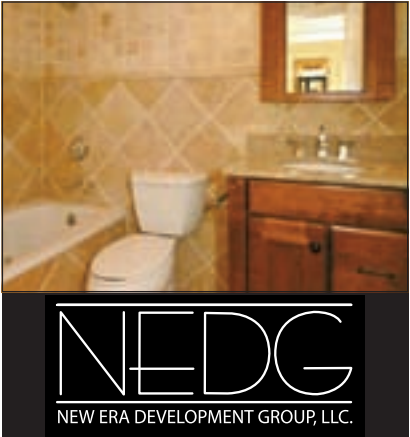
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